

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 7, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable by Imai in view of Oda et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,521,974). Claims 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being over Imai in view of Fitch et al. (U.S. Pat. 5,213,989). Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Imai in view of Chuang et al. (U.S. PGPub 2003/0096486). Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Imai in view of Jambotkar. Claims 11-15 are allowed.

1. Rejection of claims 1-7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):
Claims 1-7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), for reasons of record that can be found on pages 2-5 in the Office action identified above, which is part of paper no.6.

20 **Response:**

Claims 1-7 and 9 have been canceled without disclaimer as to their merit as filed and are no longer in need of consideration.

25 **2. Allowance of claims 11-15:**

Claims 11-15 are allowed.

Response:

With the cancellation of claims 1-7 and 9, the applicant believes that the present application may now be in a condition for allowance. If the examiner concurs, the applicant respectfully requests that this

application be allowed to ripen into a Patent.

Sincerely,

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